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Ms. Jennifer Jackman, President
Boston NOW
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Dear Ms. Jackman:

This is in response to your recent request for an advisory opinion concerning the application of M.G.L. c. 55, the campaign finance law, to the following question. Does the campaign finance law permit a ballot question political committee to contribute to another ballot question political committee in Massachusetts organized to influence the vote on the same ballot question?

Section 6 of Chapter 55 states, in relevant part:

"Any other political committee, duly organized, may receive, pay and expend money or other things of value for the enhancement of the political future of the candidate or the principle, for which the committee was organized so long as such expenditure is not primarily for the candidate's or any other person's personal use,...and provided further, that such committees may contribute to other political committees..."

In my opinion, such an expenditure by a ballot question political committee would be for the enhancement of the principle for which the committee was organized since the ballot committee receiving the expenditure is organized for the same purpose. Therefore, the campaign finance law would permit the NOW Reproductive Rights Campaign Fund to contribute to Campaign for Choice, provided they are both political committees registered with this office for the purpose of influencing the same ballot question.

Very truly yours,

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